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BLAINE

Park and Recreation

10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449

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TO: Adult Softball Managers and Players

FROM: Jerome Krieger, League Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: 2016 Blaine Softball Program



Please read all information carefully. If you have questions you can email me at [JKrieger@ci.blaine.mn.us](mailto:JKrieger@ci.blaine.mn.us) or call me at 763-785-6161. Visit the Parks and Recreation website at [www.blaineparks.com](http://www.blaineparks.com) for additional recreation programs and activities.

## ***2016 Blaine Adult Softball Leagues***

LEAGUE	DAYS	GAMES	BEGINS (tentative)	HOMERUNS ALLOWED PER GAME	TEAM FEE
Men's D Doubleheader	Mon	22	April 25	3	\$975.00
Men's D Doubleheader	Tue	22	April 26	3	\$975.00
Co-Rec 11"/12"	Tue	10 + playoffs	April 26	3	\$700.00
Co-Rec D 11"/12" Doubleheader	Tue	20	April 26	3	\$925.00
Men's D Doubleheader	Wed	22	April 27	3	\$975.00
Women's D	Thu	10 + playoffs	April 28	Unlimited	\$650.00
Men's D Doubleheader	Thu	22	April 28	3	\$975.00
Co-Rec C/D 11"/12" Doubleheader	Sun	20	April 23	3	\$925.00

All entry fees include softballs.

### **MANAGERS' MEETING:**

After a team has registered, they must have a team representative attend the Manager's Meeting on **Monday, April 11, 6:00 p.m.**, Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE.

The purpose of the meeting is to distribute game schedules, rules, softballs and show you how to upload rosters in our system. These items will not be mailed. A meeting will be conducted after the distribution of materials and is mandatory for new teams, optional for returning teams.

**REGISTRATION DATES** (teams must register during their applicable dates below!) **(Registration will not be taken beforehand.)**

1. **February 1, 2 & 3, 2016:** All returning summer and fall teams
2. **February 4, 2016:** All New teams
3. **April 8, 2016:** Last day to register a softball team – only if space is available.

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**

**New for 2016** – Teams can register online at [apm.activecommunities.com/blaineparks](http://apm.activecommunities.com/blaineparks)

Teams can also register by mail, email, fax (763-785-6191) or in person at Blaine Park and Recreation Department, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN, 55449. Business hours are, M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Items required at time of registration are:

- Full Entry Fee – We will not hold spots with a deposit or partial entry fee.
- Team Registration Form

Checks payable to "City of Blaine". Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards accepted.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

*We reserve the right to investigate player eligibility at anytime. All players must be age 16 or older as of September 1 of the current year.*

**ROSTER:**

A completed roster must be **done online** before a team's first game. **Failure to submit a completed roster form constitutes an ineligible team.** Players may be added to the roster until **June 3rd**. Any player or manager who falsifies information on the registration form or team roster will be subject to suspension from the league.

**WHATS NEW FOR 2016**

Online registration – [apm.activecommunities.com/blaineparks](http://apm.activecommunities.com/blaineparks)

No games Sunday, July 3 or Monday, July 4. However, games will be scheduled Thursday, June 30, Tuesday July 5.

All of the bats will need the "new USSSA logo (thumb print) above the handle. Old USSSA bats are illegal for league and tournament play in Blaine.

No Resident or Non – Resident teams.

**ELIGIBILITY/CONDUCT/ FORFEIT FEES:**

Eligibility:

If a team or any player thereof is found to be in violation of the eligibility requirements, that team will be assessed a \$50 eligibility fee. The fee must be paid by the team's next scheduled game.

Conduct:

Any team or player that damages park property will be liable for the cost to repair the damage prior to their next game.

#### Forfeit Fee Policy:

All leagues must start a game with at least eight (8) eligible players. Teams may finish with eight players. The first game on the field will be forfeited ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time. All games thereafter, game time is forfeit time.

A \$25 fee will be charged to teams that forfeit a scheduled game. This fee must be paid prior to the team's next game or that game becomes a forfeit. Double-header leagues will be required to submit \$25 or \$50 prior to their next scheduled double-header depending on if they forfeited one or both games. Three forfeits constitute removal from the league.

#### EQUIPMENT:

##### Softballs

Blaine Parks and Recreation Department will provide teams with 1 game ball per home game plus one extra for a back up ball. Softballs distributed at the Mangers Meeting.

##### Bats

For a list of legal bats visit the USSSA National Website at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com)

#### PRACTICE FIELD RESERVATIONS:

Blaine Adult Softball Teams may reserve fields for practice within the following guidelines. We will begin reserving fields for the week of **April 11th on April 4th (if weather permits)**.

1. Practice field reservation requests must be phoned in at 763-785-6161 or e-mailed at [JKrieger@ci.blaine.mn.us](mailto:JKrieger@ci.blaine.mn.us). Teams can receive a permit either by e-mail or from the Parks and Recreation Department during office hours.
2. Two field reservations per team, one per week; one hour each.
3. Field reservations may be requested up to seven [7] days in advance.
4. No field reservations on weekends or before 6:00 p.m. weekdays. First come, first serve.
5. We will not light fields for practice, unless team applies for park Reservation Permit. Fee is \$42.85 per hour for lights.
6. No Field Reservations after **April 22**.
7. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any field reservation due to unplayable field conditions.
8. Fields available for practice reservations are Airport Park (4), 2130 105<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and Aquatore Park (3), 9191 Lincoln St. NE.

## 2016 BLAINE ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL

### LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

(Form can be faxed or scanned in with credit card information. Fax 763-785-6191)

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

LEAGUE (check):  
\_\_\_\_\_ Men's D (**double header**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Women's D (**single games**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rec (**single games**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rec (**double header**)

NIGHT (circle): Mon Tue Wed Thu Sun CLASS (circle): C/D D E

COMPETITION LEVEL PREFERRED (circle): Lower Upper

*Final decision in placement of teams in a competition level is at the discretion of the league director.*

AMT PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/MC/Discover# \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CHECK/CREDIT CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Credit Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

*In accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the recreation staff of the City of Blaine hereby informs you that personal information requested of you and your players is considered private. Although, for team identification purposes, the manager's name and phone number will appear on schedules. You and your players may choose to withhold all or portions of data, however, the City's Staff may not be able to provide you with updated program information, such as schedule changes, revisions, and standings.*